

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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RE: Reference Material to Volume 12, Energy West Mining Company, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018 Task ID #2965

SUMMARY:

On April 29, 2008 the Division received an application to add the Mill Fork Federal Lease Environmental Assessment as appendix B to Volume 12 of the MRP. This memo will include a review of that information.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783., et. al.

GENERAL

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 783.12; R645-301-411, -301-521, -301-721.

Analysis:

The application includes an Environmental Assessment, EA, for the Mill Fork Federal Lease Tract UTU-71307. The EA was prepared by the Manti-la Sal National Forest in preparation for the Lease by Application # 11 and contains information on Biology, Cultural Resources and soils that is germane to the MRP and exploration activities.

Findings

The information is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The amendment is recommended for approval.